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AGENDA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Commission may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any matter listed on the agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

A. Call to Order of the 650th Regular Arizona Racing Commission Meeting at 10:00 AM.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rory Goreé
Commissioner Thomas Lawless
Commissioner David Heiple (Telephonically)
Commissioner Jay McClintock

Also present:

Rudy Casillas, Racing Division Director
Deanie Reh, Assistant Attorney General
Greg Stiles, Division of Racing
Cassie Goodwin, Commission Secretary
Camila Alarcon, Commission Attorney (Item B only)

B. Executive Session

The following item is for Executive Session purposes only:

Simms v. Arizona Racing Commission, et al., Case No. LC2016-000505, Ronald A. Simms' Appeal to the Maricopa County Superior Court of the Arizona Racing Commission's Order to Reject the Gaming Director's Ruling to Grant a Racing License to Ronald A. Simms, Case No. 14A-020-RAC. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss or consult for legal advice with its attorneys.

Chair Goreé asked if any of the Commissioners want to go into Executive Session to discuss or consult for legal advice with its attorney. None requested advice.

C. New Business

The following New Business items are for a status report, presentation, discussion, and possible action for the Commission.

1. Election of Arizona Racing Commission Officers

Commissioner McClintock moved to elect Commissioner Lawless as the new Chair. Commissioner Heiple second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

Commissioner Heiple moved to elect Commissioner McClintock as new Vice Chair. Commissioner Lawless second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

2. Request from Yuma County Fair, Inc. for 3-Year Permit Renewal of the following dates: March 17, 18, 24 & 25, 2018; March 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2019; March 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2020.

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Vincent Francia, General Manager of Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.

Eric Wofford, Yuma County Fair Association and Vice President of the Arizona Counties Racing Association, addressed the Commission.

Jaye Wells, President of Rillito Park Foundation, addressed the Commission.

Turf Paradise requested that the Commission table New Business Items regarding County Fair Racing due to their concern about how the various county fairs used the money from races run at Turf Paradise. Turf believes the funds should be applied towards live racing and not in the county general funds. Turf wanted time to re-negotiate the Agreements.

After much discussion, the Commission determined this was not something they could put off for another meeting due to race dates are pending and there are signed agreements between Turf and the Permittees. They decided to cast their votes and allow all county fairs with signed agreements to run their races and directed Turf and the county fair representatives to work together in finding a resolution to the issues.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Yuma County Fair, Inc.'s 3-Year County Fair Permit request for Fiscal Year 2018 as March 17, 18, 24 & 25, 2018, Fiscal Year 2019 as March 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2019, and Fiscal Year 2020 as March 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2020 as running at the commercial track located at Turf Paradise Race Course. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

3. Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission for 3-Year Permit for the following dates: February 11 & 12, 2017 and March 18 & 19, 2017; February 10 & 11, 2018 and March 17 & 18, 2018; February 9 & 10, 2019 and March 16 & 17, 2019.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission's 3-Year County Fair Permit request for Fiscal Year 2017 as February 11 & 12, 2017 and March 18 & 19, 2017, Fiscal Year 2018 as February 10 & 11, 2018 and March 17 & 18, 2018, Fiscal Year 2019 as February 9 & 10, 2019 and March 16 & 17, 2019 as running at the commercial

track located at Rillito Park Race Track. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

4. Request from Tucson Greyhound Park for 3-Year Permit Renewal for Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Tucson Greyhound Park's 3-Year Permit request for Years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

5. Request from Rillito Racing to Amend 2017 Race Dates.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Rillito Racing's request to amend its 2017 race dates to delete Friday, February 17, 2017 and add Friday, March 3, 2017. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

6. Request from Cochise County Fair Association to Amend 2017 Race Dates.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Cochise County Fair Association's request to amend its 2017 race dates to delete April 8, 9, 15, and 16, 2017 and add February 19, 20, and 26, 2017 and April 23, 2017 to be run at Turf Paradise Race Course. Cochise County Fair Association would conduct live racing on April 22 and 23, 2017 at Cochise County Fair Grounds in Douglas, Arizona. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock)

D. Information Reports

1. Turf Safety Report (Dr. Scot Waterman) – **Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.**
2. Legislative Update (Aiden Fleming) – **Aiden Fleming addressed the Commission.**
3. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. American Greyhound Racing – **No Report.**
 - b. County Fairs – **No Report.**
 - c. Rillito – Jaye Wells, President Rillito Park Foundation, addressed the Commission.
 - d. Turf Paradise – **No Report.**
 - e. Tucson Greyhound Park – **No Report.**
4. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesman) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. Arizona Counties Racing Association – **Eric Wofford, Vice President, addressed the Commission.**
 - b. Arizona Greyhound Association – **No Report.**
 - c. Arizona Quarter Racing Association – **Loretta Brashear addressed the Commission.**
 - d. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association – **Debbie Zimmerman addressed the Commission.**
 - e. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association – **Lloyd Yother, President, addressed the Commission and introduced new Executive Director Leroy Guessman who also addressed the Commission.**
 - f. Jockey's Guild – **No Report.**

E. Commission Reports

1. Summary of Current Events Affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion. – **No summaries provided.**
2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future agendas. – **None at this time.**

F. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission must sign the signup sheet and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting; each presentation will be given approximately **two minutes**. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later date.

JoAnn di Filippo addressed the Commission and introduced Ally Miller, Pima County Supervisor, District 1.

Announcements

The next regular Arizona Racing Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Building Conference Room 250, 2nd Floor, located at 1110 West Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona. This is subject to change based on a quorum. Please remember to check the Racing Division's website or contact Cassie Goodwin at 602-771-4263 for confirmation.

Adjournment at 11:00 AM.